



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SAFETY POLICY MEMORANDUM

POLICY NUMBER: 13	DATED: April 17, 2002
TITLE: Respiratory Protection Program	APPROVED BY: Martin McIntyre

REFERENCE

City of Fresno Injury and Illness Prevention Program

POLICY

In the control of those occupational diseases caused by breathing air contaminated with harmful dusts, fogs, fumes, mists, gases, smokes, sprays, or vapors, the primary objective shall be to prevent atmospheric contamination. This shall be accomplished as far as feasible by accepted engineering control measures (for example, enclosure or confinement of the operation, general and local ventilation, and substitution of less toxic materials). When effective engineering controls are not feasible, or while they are being instituted, appropriate respirators shall be used pursuant to this section.

Respirators shall be provided by the City when such equipment is necessary to protect the health of the employee. The City shall provide the respirators which are applicable and suitable for the purpose intended.

Respirators shall be provided at no cost to the employee.

The Respiratory Protection Program of the City of Fresno shall be followed as the basic guidance within the Department of Public Utilities.